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FOR: DECODING AND CODING METHOD   :

OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL, AND   :

DECODING AND CODING APPARATUS

OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL USING THE

SAME

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

     This amendment is being timely filed in response to the Office Action
mailed May 31, 2001 (Paper No. 15).

IN THE CLAIMS:

     Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim:

1   1.   (Amended) A method of decoding a moving image signal, the

2   image signal being a stream of pixel blocks segregated into video frames, the

3   method comprising the steps of:

4   constructing at least two motion vectors, the first motion vector

5   being constructed from a present video frame and a video frame prior to the

6   present video frame, the second motion vector being constructed from the present

7   video frame and a further video frame at least two frames prior to the present

8   video frame;